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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REFERENCE NEWS HIGHLIGHTS CARTER-DOBRYNIN MEETING,

REPRINTS ARTICLES BLASTING SOVIETS

1. THE FEBRUARY 3 ISSUE OF THE PRC RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION DAILY REFERENCE NEWS (TS'AN-K'AO HSIAO-HSI) GIVES FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 1 MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. FOLLOWING A STRAIGHTFORWARD ROUNDUP OF AP, UP, AND AFP ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S OBSERVATION THAT HE HOPED TO "PRESERVE CLOSE RELATIONS," THE ARTICLE CLOSED WITH AN EXCERPT FROM A UP STORY NOTING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DECLARED TO DOBRYNIN THAT THE US WOULD NOT ALTER ITS POSITION OF ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF SOVIET DISSIDENT SAKHAROV.

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2. THE OTHER FEATURED FRONTPAGE ARTICLE CONTAINED WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE VERBATIM TEXT OF A JANUARY 31 USIA PRESS RELEASE CARRYING REPUDIATION BY AN AMERICAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN OF GENERAL KEEGAN'S CONTENTION THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ALREADY ACHIEVED MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE US.

3. THE REMAINDER OF THE ISSUE WAS SLANTED HEAVILY AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. MAJOR STORIES INCLUDED: A DIE WELT STORY ON POLISH DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION; CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S SUPPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT; A WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE ON NORWAY'S STEPPED-UP DEFENSE PREPARATIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION; AND INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA AND THE CONGO AS REFLECTED IN RECENT ACCUSATIONS BY THOSE COUNTRIES CONCERNING WESTERN INTERFERENCE.

4. USLO WILL POUCH COPIES TO DEPT AND HONG KONG.  
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